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Report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" and to allocate chapters I, VII (sects. B and C) and IX of the report of the Council[1] to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 21st, 22nd and 26th meetings, on 24 and 26 November and on 10 December 2003. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.21, 22 and 26).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a note by the Secretariat on the delegation of formal authority in matters of personnel of the United Nations Population Fund (A/C.5/58/2 and Corr.1) and the relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

II. Consideration of proposals

4. At its 22nd meeting, on 26 November, the Chairman introduced a draft decision entitled "Delegation of formal authority in matters of personnel of the United Nations Population Fund" (A/C.5/58/L.26).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/58/L.26 without a vote (see para. 8, draft decision I).

[1] A/58/3 (Parts I and II); for the final text, see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/58/3/Rev.1).

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6. At its 26th meeting, on 10 December 2003, the Committee considered the chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council that had been allocated to it.

7. At the same meeting, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without objection, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council that had been allocated to the Fifth Committee (see para. 8, draft decision II).

III. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
Delegation of formal authority in matters of personnel of the United Nations Population Fund

The General Assembly, having considered the note by the Secretariat on the question,[2] decides that formal authority in matters of personnel of the United Nations Population Fund shall be delegated by the Secretary-General to the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund.

Draft decision II
Report of the Economic and Social Council

The General Assembly takes note of chapters I, VII (sects. B and C) and IX of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[1]

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[2] A/C.5/58/2 and Corr.1.